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The election in Eddy county just held should be a lesson to democrats who are so intent on personal interest as to sacrifice the party. We now have in the treasurer's office and a republican superintendent of schools and unless more harmony can be instituted in the party all the county offices may some day be filled by republicans. The rule of ruin policy should give way to more a substantial principle of electing good democrats to office. The theory that every man who runs on a republican ticket is a better man than if he runs on democratic ticket was persistently argued by republicans in Eddy county during the past election. Then if a republican was asked to vote for Ferguson on the theory that he is a better man for the position than Peron he simply shook his head and said "Peron gets my vote because he is a republican" such is the logic of helping the republicans out. The only precinct in the county which did right was the Plains where not a single vote was cast for the head of the republican ticket.

Paupers and millionaires, hovels and palaces; starvation and excess; rags and nakedness; purple and fine linen. These are some of the contrasts that are becoming ever more apparent in our nation. Who is responsible? The republican party, the paid tool of the monopolist, and the money lender and the capitalist; the enemy of the wage earner, the farmer and the miner. The people cannot longer be fooled; purchasing majorities cannot longer prevail. There are signs in the brightening east of the dawning of a fairer day; a great awakening is taking place. The seeds of true democracy have been sown upon good ground, and the fields are already beginning to whiten with the harvest. The people have found their friends and are hoisting the blue flag of democracy, emblazoned with mottoes of victory. Republicanism has ceased to be republican. It is but the pernicious creed of a bloated oligarchy. It is dying of the cancer of its own unworthiness.—Headlight.

Regarding the republicans who have quietly slipped into county office on account of democratic mismanagement, the CURRENT has only the kindest feeling though condemning the principle of those democrats who prefer ruin to the party to the success of an opponent. No doubt the democratic committee did wrong in ignoring the rules and regulations which were laid down and agreed to and which never anticipated that two candidates should be placed upon the democratic ticket. The evidence taken before the committee was secret but should have been public; therefore, the public is justified in the belief that the election at Hope was properly conducted, because no evidence has been shown the public it was not. Therefore the partisans of Armstrong had good cause to take the action they did and elect a republican. The idea that the democratic committee can place two candidates upon a ticket is forever killed and it is fortunate in some respects that the result of the contest has at last been decided against a central committee which could not see it to act in accord with the rules and regulation laid down and agreed to, to conduct the primaries. It would be far better to have every democrat on the ticket defeated than injustice and mismanagement should triumph. Hereafter if a candidate honestly wins, his name and his name alone will occupy the space allotted for same on the ballots at the general election; and the cry of fraud at the primaries will shortly disappear. The facts are that very little crooked work ever occurs in the primaries. The judges and clerks are bound on honor to conduct the primaries in accord with the rules, and the Australian ballot guarantees fairer work in the primaries than in the general election, and this fall was the third time the Australian ballot has been used in the primaries of Eddy county. The light vote polled in the election shows that many democrats were disgusted with the action of the democratic committee and did not vote in consequence. What the party needs is management based on justice and not personal interest and until men can be placed at the head of the democratic committee who can lay aside personal and private interests for the general good, we may expect to see republicans elected to office in Eddy county.

The best man dodge was worked to a finish by the republicans of Eddy county but when it came to delegate to congress they never claimed that Peron was a better man than Ferguson but simply voted for him because he was a republican.

Rev. P. B. Bourgade, bishop of Tucson, remembers the editorial force of the CURRENT with a fine copy of "Soldiers of the Cross" by Most Rev. J. D. Salpointe, D. D. The work is a history of christianity in New Mexico and Arizona dating back over 350 years and is probably by far the most accurate piece of history going back to the first settlement of the territories ever printed. It describes from authentic and reliable records and other undisputed data the work of the early missionaries, who established eleven churches in New Mexico long before the pilgrims landed on Plymouth rock, some of the missionaries having penetrated the country as early as 1540 to convert the Indians. The work is the crowning act of the long and useful life of the author, who died shortly after completing his labors on this history. The typographical work was performed by the boys of St. Boniface's Indian School of Banning, Cal., superintended by Rev. B. F. Hahn, and is remarkably neat and well printed. The book describes the manners, customs and government of the Indians whose missionaries first came, and then after a hundred years or more of their influence, it shows many of the wild men to have become good and pious people. The lessons in christianity taught by the early fathers remained as a tradition for years when outbreaks occurred and when the missionaries were killed by warlike tribes. All this is very interesting to the people of this wonderful territory and in order to become informed on the history of the place in which the future lives of many of our citizens is to be spent, each family should have this wonderful and necessary book, necessary to become informed on our territory and wonderful because its pages are filled with so much unknown to the ordinary reader of the United States history. Copies of the book can be had by addressing the Mission Indian, Banning, Cal.

The Carnival committee has received a consignment of 2,300 cuts, with pillows to match. These cuts are of the steel spring variety, and will be very comfortable while the pillows are of real old "goose hair." The committee is preparing to entertain lots of people from the 6th to the 10th of next month.—Midland Reporter.

There is some talk in the wind that the line fence in New Mexico will, at an early date be torn down and the cattle turned loose to drift south with each other that will come during the winter months. We do not know from what source the report started, and don't suppose any one else knows, nor for what purpose it was started, but we do know that it is being agitated, and unless some steps are taken, by those interested, to prevent it, the drift fence is liable to be a thing of the past.—Midland Reporter.

A stockman who has just returned from a trip south says that down in northwestern Chihuahua cattle owners have got prices up so high that would be American purchasers are shocked. About Sabinal they are asking from \$20 gold to \$30 Mexican money per head. The biggest deal of the season has recently been closed at El Paso, a Denver man named Cox purchasing 31,000 head of Mexican cattle. The price is said to be about \$18. Most of these cattle will be shipped north and turned loose on the rich ranges within the Maxwell grant.

Reeves and Ward Co. Election. Special to El Paso Herald. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 9.—The election passed off quietly here. The following county officers for Reeves county were elected: Judge, F. J. Heffner; clerk, J. B. Gibson; assessor, Louis Parker; sheriff, Jno. Y. Leavelle; inspector, Jno. Chalk; treasurer, R. S. Johnson.

Ward county elected the following men: Judge, J. J. Walker; sheriff, J. B. Avery; clerk, Don Bilberry; assessor, Walter Faler; inspector, J. I. King. For state officers both counties voted democratic almost solidly. "Dod" Sotton of Big Springs who was running on the republican ticket for state senator, received a good complimentary vote. Very little money was spent and there were very few drunk people. The old line drawn on closely two years ago were torn asunder and every one voted at will.

Father—I understand you think of getting married?

Son—Yes, sir.

Father—Have you given the matter your calm consideration and deliberation thoroughly upon the gravity and importance of the step as well as upon the uncertainties and possibilities of the new relation?

Son—No, sir.

Father—You have not? And why have you not?

Son—Because, sir, I really want to get married.

Father—Um—eh—oh—I guess you are right about it. Go ahead. It's the only way, I fancy.—Detroit Free Press

During a fire in a stable at San Sec province of Quebec, a bay stallion returned twice to the burning structure and drove out a horse that was so terrified as to be unable to make an attempt to escape.

Our Officials.  
TREASURER.  
Mr. J. P. Matheson, the newly elected treasurer, came to Eddy in 1891 in the employ of Chas. Pratt. Since that time he has been identified with the grain commission business and has made hosts of friends by his liberal off hand ways besides has accumulated a small fortune. The county funds can be in no safer hands. While the CURRENT did its best to elect the democrats who opposed Messrs. Pratt and Matheson, claiming they were as good material for the offices, it believes two better men could not be found.

SUPERINTENDENT.  
Mr. A. N. Pratt, the newly elected county superintendent, though a radical republican, is a person well qualified for the position being one of the best educated men in the county. He is a graduate of Williams college, Mass., and has held responsible positions as an educator in the deaf and dumb institutions of Minnesota and Pennsylvania. Seven years of his life were spent in the Hawaiian islands as manager of a sugar plantation. He has been engaged in the flouring mill business and saw mill and lumber business, the latter being his business at present. Mr. Pratt came to Eddy in 1893 and has been identified as a leader in republican councils since. Though a very uncompromising partisan of the gold bug and robber tariff party, he is eminently qualified to fill the office of county superintendent and will have no pets to reward or enemies to punish in his work, which will no doubt give satisfaction to all.

Sketches of the democrats who were elected to county office Tuesday have appeared in this paper before, but least there be some who do not yet know who our officers are, the following brief description may be of interest:

TROUBLE JUDGE.  
A. Green came to this section from Texas some twelve years ago and served a term as county commissioner of old Lincoln county before Eddy county was organized. Mr. Green is upwards of seventy years of age but is still quite hearty. He has the distinction of being a life long democrat of the Baptist persuasion, a strong pillar of the church and a good citizen. Mr. Green had no opposition.

COUNTY CLERK.  
W. H. Owen is also an old timer, coming to this country in 1875 when he was a boy of eighteen. He has hunted buffalo, bear and deer for a time every season for twenty years and is one of the best long range shots in the west. His election to the office of county clerk, coming after four years of a successor who had kept the books in a rather inaccurate condition, proved the wisdom of the people in electing Mr. Owen, who writes a very distinct hand and is a model of accuracy. During the past few years he has practically had no opposition, having been endorsed by the republicans this time.

COUNTY SHERIFF.  
Cisero Stewart is another old timer having practically grown up in the valley having made his home on the Pecos for about fourteen years being about thirty years old. Mr. Stewart made the case against Les Dow in the primaries two years ago but was defeated. After Dow's death Mr. Stewart was appointed by the county board and made such an acceptable official that he had no opposition for election to the office this time.

COUNTY ASSESSOR.  
W. F. Cochran is also an old timer, coming here in 1885. He held the office of county treasurer during the first two years after the organization of the county and when called on to settle he produced over twenty thousand dollars and his books balanced to a cent. Four years ago he ran against B. R. Harkey in the primaries for assessor and defeated Harkey by four votes. He has been re-elected twice. Mr. Cochran resides in the mountains about forty-five miles west of Eddy.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.  
N. Cunningham, the present chairman of the board who was elected two years ago and was opposed in the democratic primaries by C. W. Cowden this season, came here from Iowa six years ago and is one of the heaviest taxpayers in the county. Mr. Cunningham has made a model commissioner, having had years of experience in county matters. The heavy vote given Mr. Cunningham proves the high esteem in which he is held by the people of the county.

GRAND JURY.  
Mr. Geo. Wilcox is an old timer, coming here in 1880, having been for several years in the employ of the Holt Live Stock Co. as foreman, but for the past seven years he has led a quiet life on his homestead farm growing crops and live stock. Mr. Wilcox has the respect and friendship of a large circle of neighbors and with his experience will no doubt give excellent satisfaction as county commissioner.

S. W. WEAVER.  
Mr. Weaver is one of the farmers who came to the valley six years ago from the east and has struggled against all the vicissitudes incident to the settlement of a new country but has prospered a good and worthy

citizen. If a settlement was due to the unanimous choice of his neighbors, who presented his name to the democratic primaries, and he had no opposition in the primaries or general election, the republicans having endorsed all the county ticket except treasurer, superintendent and assessor.

ROSWELL.  
From the Record.

Humphrey Hamilton Jr., was on Tuesday, admitted to the bar by Judge Leland.

Judge H. B. Hamilton and F. Williams have formed a co partnership for the practice of the law. Their card will appear next week.

J. W. Langford was up from Hagerman Wednesday returning yesterday. His special business was to secure a supply of tents and camp equipment for a party of hunters who are expected to day from Columbus, Ohio. This party will start for the mountains on a hunting trip of several weeks and will be supplied with all the necessities for having a good time.

Supt. D. H. Nichols came in on a special train from the Amarillo end of the railroad Sunday, and has been looking after matters pertaining to construction at this end of the line. He reports satisfactory progress at the other end of the line and expects to reach the Pecos from that end by December 15. Work at the end is getting along so satisfactorily that it is now certain that unless some unforeseen bad weather intervenes the track will be laid and the Pecos bridge finished by Dec. 1. Mr. Nichols confidently expects the road to be in ship-shape for the opening of traffic by December 20.

HOPE HAPPENINGS.  
HOPE, Nov. 2, 1898.

Rev. Riggs and son Fred, of Lower Pecos, passed through Hope one day last week on their way home from Eddy, where they went to purchase sheep dip and some household goods.

Walter Stroops has sold his improvements and is thinking of moving to Arizona.

Cameron & Davis have sold 575 mutton lambs for \$1.75.

Thos. Fite, of Weed, entered Prof. W. H. Bigger's school last Monday morning.

John Graham is nursing an aching tooth this week.

M. M. Davis went to Eddy last week to deliver the lambs he sold.

Antelope hunters are numerous. Some bring in three or four a day, while others hunt three or four days without killing a single antelope.

FRUIT GROWERS.  
Trees and shrubbery for sale and pruning done properly and on short notice. M. SHAPE, Eddy, N. M.

DIVORCE NOTICE.  
In the district court of the fifth judicial district of the territory of New Mexico, within and for the county of Eddy, Rufus Torris, Plaintiff, vs. Monica Torris, Defendant.

The said defendant, Monica Torris, is hereby notified that a suit has been commenced against her in the district court within and for the county of Eddy, territory of New Mexico, by said Rufus Torris, plaintiff, to dissolve and declare null and void the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as the court shall see fit to grant, and that unless you, the said defendant, enter your appearance in said cause on or before Saturday, the fourth day of December, 1898, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default; that V. S. Bateman is plaintiff's attorney, whose postoffice address is Eddy, Eddy county, New Mexico.

Signed, J. E. GREY, Clerk of said District Court.

Notice.  
In the district court of the fifth judicial district of the territory of New Mexico.

The Mercantile Trust Company, complainant, vs. The Pecos Valley Railway Company, defendant.

Under and in pursuance of an order of the fifth judicial district court of the territory of New Mexico, sitting within and for the county of Eddy, the undersigned hereby gives notice to all persons who may have any claim or claims against The Pecos Valley Railway Company or against the undersigned as receiver of such company, to present same for allowance or payment at once. Any such claim, which shall not be presented or filed within a period of six months after the first publication of this notice will not be considered against said receiver or against the property of The Pecos Valley Railway Company which was sold under decree of foreclosure, or against the purchaser of said property, or its successors or assigns.

EDWIN O. FAULKNER, Receiver of the Pecos Valley Railway Company.

Notice of Suit.  
In the district court, county of Eddy, Isaac W. Rogers, Receiver, vs. The South West Investment Company, defendant.

The said defendant, The South West Investment Company, is hereby notified that a suit in law has been commenced against it in the district court for the county of Eddy, territory of New Mexico, by said Isaac W. Rogers, receiver of the First National Bank of Eddy, N. M., damages claimed two thousand, seven hundred and fifty-five and no/100ths of dollars, that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on or before thirty days after the fourth and last publication of this notice, which will be on or before the first day of January, A. D. 1899, before the district court for the county of Eddy, that being the county in which the complaint is filed, in the fifth judicial district of the territory of New Mexico, and answer the complaint, of the said plaintiff, judgment by default thereon will be rendered against you.

JOHN J. GREY, Clerk.

By W. A. Rogers, Deputy.

Freeman & Cameron, Attorneys for plaintiff, Eddy, N. M.

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JOHN J. GREY, Clerk.

By W. A. Rogers, Deputy.

The said defendant, The La Huerta Company, is hereby notified that a suit in law has been commenced against it in the district court for the county of Eddy, territory of New Mexico, by said plaintiff, Isaac W. Rogers, receiver of the First National Bank of Eddy, New Mexico, damages claimed two hundred twenty-three and no/100ths of dollars, that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on or before thirty days after the fourth and last publication of this notice, which will be on or before the first day of January, A. D. 1899, before the district court for the county of Eddy, that being the county in which the complaint is filed, in the fifth judicial district of the territory of New Mexico, and answer the complaint, of said plaintiff, judgment by default thereon will be rendered against you.

JOHN E. GREY, Clerk.

By W. A. Rogers, Deputy.

Freeman & Cameron, Attorneys for plaintiff, Eddy, N. M.

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## FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

Eddy Lodge No. 21, K. of P.

Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All visitors are welcome. C. M. WHITNEY, C. C.

JOHN BOLTON, R. R. & S.

MASONIC—Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M.—Meets in regular communication at 7:30 p. m., 2nd Saturday of each month. Visiting brethren invited to attend. A. L. ROBERTSON, W. M.

A. N. PRATT, Secy.

I. O. O. F. Eddy No. 21 meets every Friday evening in Masonic hall. Visiting brothers in good standing cordially welcome. G. W. MCILLEN, N. G.

Eddy Camp Woodmen of the World. Meets in the City Hall the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month. JOHN L. KELL, C. C.

DARY ROBERTSON, CH.

Entry Notice.

Taken up on the first day of August 1898 one horse described as follows: Sorrel gelding horse about eight years old branded on left thigh—on left shoulder. D. R. HARKEY, Eddy, N. M.

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